ORDER No. R. 7048-109—L. R. 341-21-1, DATED 16—19TH JUNE 1922.

The Committee have made the following recommendations:—

I. Revenue Commissioner's Office.—

(*a*) That the salary of the Revenue Commissioner may be fixed at Rs. 1,400 without any duty allowance, the reduction being brought into effect on a change of incumbents.

(*b*) That of the two Assistants to the Revenue Commissioner, one may be abolished.

(*c*) That the office establishment is capable of considerable reduction in all Revenue Offices and that a special officer be placed for duty under the Revenue Commissioner to study the possibilities of reduction of work, and of establishments.

(*d*) Grants for travelling allowance and contingencies may be reduced to Rs. 4,000 each.

II. District Establishment.—

(*a*) That the Chintamani Sub-Division in the Kolar District be abolished.

(*b*) That the post of the Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, be abolished forthwith.

(*c*) That the post of the Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, be also abolished.

III. Taluk Establishments.—

(*a*) That the Sub-Taluks of French Rocks, Gudibanda, Kumsi and Harihar be abolished.

(*b*) That a permanent monthly allowance of Rs. 40 be given to Amildars and Deputy Amildars instead of travelling allowance under the usual rules.

2. One of the posts of Assistant to the Revenue Commissioner has already been abolished in Government Order No. R. 6311-12—L. R. 317-21-1, dated 13th May 1922.

3. Necessary reductions in the grants for "Travelling Allowance" and "Contingencies" have been effected in the next year's budget.

4. The post of Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, has been abolished in Government Order No. 6212-71—C. B. 115-21-8, dated the 5th April 1922.

5. The duty allowance now attached to the post of the Revenue Commissioner will be abolished in the case of future incumbents.

6. The Chintamani Sub-Division in the Kolar District will be abolished and the taluks now comprised in it will be redistributed as follows with effect from the 1st July 1922:—

(*a*) Kolar Taluk will be placed under the Treasury Assistant Commissioner.

(*b*) The Deputy Commissioner will be in direct charge of the Bowringpet Taluk.

(*c*) The Taluks of Malur, Mulbagal, Srinivaspur and Chintamani will be constituted as one Sub-Division, styled Malur Sub-Division with headquarters at Kolar.

(*d*) The rest of the taluks, *viz.*, Chikballapur, Goribidnur, Bagepalli (including Gudibanda) and Sidlaghatta will form the Chikballapur Sub-Division, with headquarters at Chikballapur.

7. In view of the fact that the Mysore District is a heavy charge and that the work in this District Office requires close supervision by a Gazetted Officer, Government consider that the post of the Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore cannot be abolished.

8. The Sub-Taluks of French Rocks and Gudibanda will be abolished with effect from the 1st July 1922, in accordance with the decision contained in Government Order No. 14144-94—L. R. 338-15-71, dated 6th—21st May 1919. The proposals received from the Revenue Commissioner in this behalf with his letter No. C. 1055, dated 13—16th August 1920, are approved. They will be separately notified.

9. Amildars and Deputy Amildars will hereafter draw for journeys within their own taluks daily allowance at Rs. 2 and Rs. 1-8-0, respectively, instead of mileage or daily allowance as the case may be as at present. For journeys outside their jurisdiction they will draw travelling allowances under the general rules.

10. It is not possible to abolish Harihar Sub-Taluk as it is an important station on the British frontier. As the Shimoga Taluk to which Kumsi Sub-Taluk would have to be added if abolished, is stated to be already unwieldy, the feasibility of abolishing Kumsi Sub-Taluk by suitable adjustments will be further examined.

11. Separate orders will issue as regards the deputation of an officer for examining the system of work in typical revenue and other offices, with a view to simplifying methods of work, reducing the quantity of avoidable correspondence retrenching clerical establishments.

12. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to examine once again the feasibility of abolishing the Kumsi Sub-Taluk by suitable readjustments in the Shimoga District and submit his further proposals.

—A. V. RAMANATHAN,

Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (in charge).

Reviving the Taluk Treasuries at District Head-quarters.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 8075-85—G. F. 170-16-11, dated 27th June 1917, approving of the scheme of the Special Officer Mr. K. L. Datta, M.A., for the simplification of work and revision of forms and registers in District and Taluk Treasuries, one of the special features of which being that the Taluk Treasuries at the head-quarters of districts should cease to be paying offices but should receive only collections of Land and Excise Revenues and recoveries on account of Land Improvement and Takavi loans and remit them every day to the District Treasuries which should attend to all other transactions.

(2) Correspondence ending with letter No. 1567—Gl. 20-21, dated 12th March 1922, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding with his views a copy of letter No. 975—T. A. D. 6033, dated 5th January 1922, from the Comptroller expressing his opinion in the matter of reviving the Taluk Treasuries at District head-quarters.

(3) Letter No. 1049—Gl. 21-22, dated 12th March 1922, from the same officer, stating that the question of retaining or abolishing the posts of Nagadi Gumastas in the District Head-quarter Taluk Treasuries rests on the orders to be passed by Government on the proposal to revive those treasuries.

ORDER No. R. 7137-46—L. R. 270-21-6, DATED 19TH JUNE 1922.

The need for reviving the Taluk Treasuries at the District head-quarters has been urged at every session of the Representative Assembly held since the 1st August 1917, from which date the new arrangement sanctioned in the Government Order read above, was adopted. The Comptroller concedes that the case for re-opening the Taluk Treasuries at Bangalore and Mysore is strong, but suggests that orders in this behalf may be deferred till the question of transfer of the work of the Treasuries to the Mysore Bank, is decided. At other District head-quarters, he considers that it is not necessary to revert to the old arrangement and that the inconvenience said to have been caused to the public under the new arrangement according to which some collections have to be paid into the Taluk Treasuries and others into the District Treasury, can be removed by authorizing the Taluk Treasuries to receive besides the items mentioned in the Government Order referred to, other collections which are now received in the District Treasuries. Another inconvenience urged as a ground for the revival of these Taluk Treasuries is that District Treasuries have to be kept open till late in the evening during the collection season to admit of collections received in the former being remitted to the latter the same day. The Comptroller thinks that this inconvenience may also be removed by authorizing the Taluk Offices to retain the collections on any day on which they are heavy for one night and send the same to the District Treasuries the next morning, provided the required guards and other facilities for keeping the Treasure exist in the Taluk Offices.

2. The Revenue Commissioner, however, strongly recommends that the old arrangement may be revived as it entails no extra cost to Government, but will on the other hand facilitate Government work and afford convenience to the public. Besides, the Barr and the Police guards which are continued in the several head-quarter Taluk Treasuries (except Bangalore) in accordance with Government Order No. Fl. 414-24—G. F. 235-17-2, dated 19th July 1918, the full establishment consisting of Nagadi Gumasta, Shroff and Gollar is

also reported to be still kept on in these Treasuries. In these circumstances, Government are pleased to sanction the Revenue Commissioner's recommendation with effect from 1st July 1922.

3. If the transfer of Treasury work at Bangalore and Mysore to the Bank of Mysore, is effected hereafter, and if it requires any re-adjustment of work in the Taluk Treasuries, the matter may be considered at the time of such transfer.

A. V. RAMANATHAN,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department (in charge).

Lands available for cultivation.

READ—

Government Order Nos. R. 4718-9—L. R. 209-14-4, dated 12th November 1915, and R. 12851-2—L. R. 522-16-2, dated 25th June 1917, stating that it is unnecessary to publish lists of lands available for cultivation in each village.

2. Government Order No. R. 3820-68—L. R. 89-16-5, dated 11th October 1917, issuing certain instructions with a view to ensure expeditious disposal of darkhasts.

3. Subject Nos. 26 and 28 of the Proceedings of the Representative Assembly of the Dasara Session of 1921, suggesting the publication of a list of lands available for cultivation in each village and the grant of lands lying fallow for three years at an upset price within a month from the date of application.

4. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 2589—Gl. 21-22, dated 20th April 1922, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting his proposals on the subject.

ORDER NO. R. 7150-9—L. R. 181-21-53, DATED 20TH JUNE 1922.

Government approve of the Revenue Commissioner's proposals that two lists of all assessed waste lands in each village available for cultivation may be put up at the village chavadi, the lands being classified under two heads A and B. All assessed lands on which there is no *malki* (trees, wells, buildings, etc.,) or the value of *malki* on which does not exceed the assessment on the land should be included under A, and the others under B. Lands classed A should be given to the first applicant without sale, *i.e.*, either free or for an upset price equal to the value of the *malki* and lands classed B should be disposed of by public auction. The Amildar need not obtain the orders of the Sub-Division Officer, for granting any land included in "A" list for upset price, as required in para 4 of the order of the 10th October 1917, read above, and no report of enquiry by Sheikdar is needed in the case of these lands.

2. The two lists should be revised annually during the Taluk Jamabandy and submitted to the Huzur Jamabandy Officer in triplicate for his approval. After approval by him one of the lists should be left with the Shanbhog for his reference and the other posted at the village chavadi for the reference of the villagers and the third retained in the Taluk Office. Objections from villagers to the classification of lands under "A" will be disposed of by the Amildar, his orders being subject to appeal in the ordinary course.

3. On receipt of application for lands classed "A" Saguvali chits may be issued by the Amildars, without any enquiry the usual formalities prescribed for sale being observed only in the case of lands classed "B".

4. In pursuance of the foregoing instructions, Government direct that the following be substituted for the 1st three paragraphs of Rule 43 of the Revenue Rules:—

> "In order that people may know what lands can be had on mere application and what are liable to be sold by public auction, all unoccupied lands should be classified under heads "A" and "B". All assessed lands on which there is no *malki* (trees, wells, buildings, etc.,) or the value of *malki* on which does not exceed the assessment on the land, shoud be included under "A". The lands of this class will be given to the first applicant without sale, *i.e.*, free of price, or for an upset price equal to the value of the *malki* as entered in the list. The following description of lands will be included under "B":—
>
> (*a*) Assessed lands in the vicinity of Railway Stations within the limits prescribed by Rule 52.

(*b*) Assessed lands irrigated or likely to be irrigated by large irrigation projects.

(*c*) Assessed lands containing Sandal trees.

(*d*) Assessed lands containing fruit or other trees or wells or buildings, the value of which exceeds the assessment on the land. These will invariably be sold by public auction after observing the prescribed formalities.

5. The description of the several classes of land included in list "B" with a note that it should not be granted free of charge, shall be entered against every Survey No. in the Khetwar Patrika, which should invariably be referred to at the time of disposing of the darkhast.

6. In the case of lands classed "A" no report from the Shekdar prescribed in Rule 41 is necessary. As soon as an application is received, the Amildar should grant the prescribed permit for occupation of the land unless more than one application is received, the same day, in which case the land will be sold by public auction.

7. The lists "A" and "B" will be prepared in triplicate for each village and revised every year by the Amildar at the time of Taluk Jamabandy and submitted for the approval of the Huzur Jamabandy Officer. After approval, one copy will be exhibited at the Village Chavadi, another will be kept in the Taluk Office and the third will be with the Shanbhog. Objections from villagers to the inclusion of the lands under "A", will be heard by the Amildar and disposed of by him, his orders being subject to appeal in the ordinary course.

A. V. RAMANATHAN,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept. (in charge).

Disposal of Pension Applications.

ORDER NO. FL. 5619-68—S. & A. 123-21-1, DATED 19TH JUNE 1922.

Several instances of delays, sometimes extending to years, in the disposal of pension applications have been brought to the notice of Government. Instances have also been reported in which for want of sufficient information it has not been possible for the Comptroller to sanction even anticipatory pensions. The hardship caused to retired officers who are kept out of their pensions for long periods is obvious. The delays that are occurring in the disposal of pension claims are entirely the result of inadequate attention paid to the maintenance of service registers of officers which should be maintained always in an up-to-date condition by a contemporaneous record of all events relating to their services as required by the Mysore Service Regulations and the Account Code and the attension of Heads of Offices and Departments have several times been drawn to it. The neglect of this record causing avoidable hardship to retired officers will not be countenanced by Government. Heads of Offices and Departments should see that pension claims of retired officers are settled with the least possible delay and to attain this result, they should take all steps necessary to have the service registers of officers under them maintained in the condition necessary for the preparation of pension applications as soon as officers are relieved of their duties. Government will take severe notice of the conduct of officers responsible for delays in the disposal of pension claims. The Comptroller is requested to report for the orders of Government instances in which pensions are not sanctioned within one month of the dates of relief of retired officers to whom pensions are due.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Retrenchments in the Revenue Department.

READ—

Para 8 of Government Order No. R. 7048-109—L. R. 341-21-1, dated 16—19th June 1922, ordering certain retrenchments in the Revenue Department.

ORDER No. R. 7205-7266—L. R. 341-21-3, DATED 21ST JUNE 1922.

In order to give sufficient time to provide for the sub-taluk staff elsewhese, to redistribute the villages of the sub-taluks in the adjoining taluks and to make arrangements for the transfer of the records and village accounts of the Sub-Taluk Offices to the Taluk Offices concerned, Government are pleased to direct that the abolition of the Sub-Taluks of French Rocks and Gudibanda sanctioned in the above order, be given effect to, from 1st September 1922 instead of 1st July 1922.

A. V. RAMANATHAN,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department (in charge).